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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-506924, published February 18, 2003 corresponding to US Patent Publication No. 6,597,787, published July 22, 2003.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000502520, published February 29, 2000 corresponding to United States Patent Application Nos. 5,561,668 (published October 1, 1996) and 5,721,730 (published February 24, 1998).
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-16142, published January 19, 2001.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-205199, published July 30, 1999.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-217793, published August 2, 2002 corresponding to United States Patent Application 6,611,601

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated April 1, 2008, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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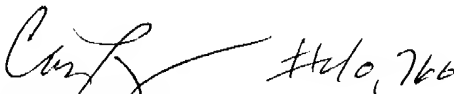
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